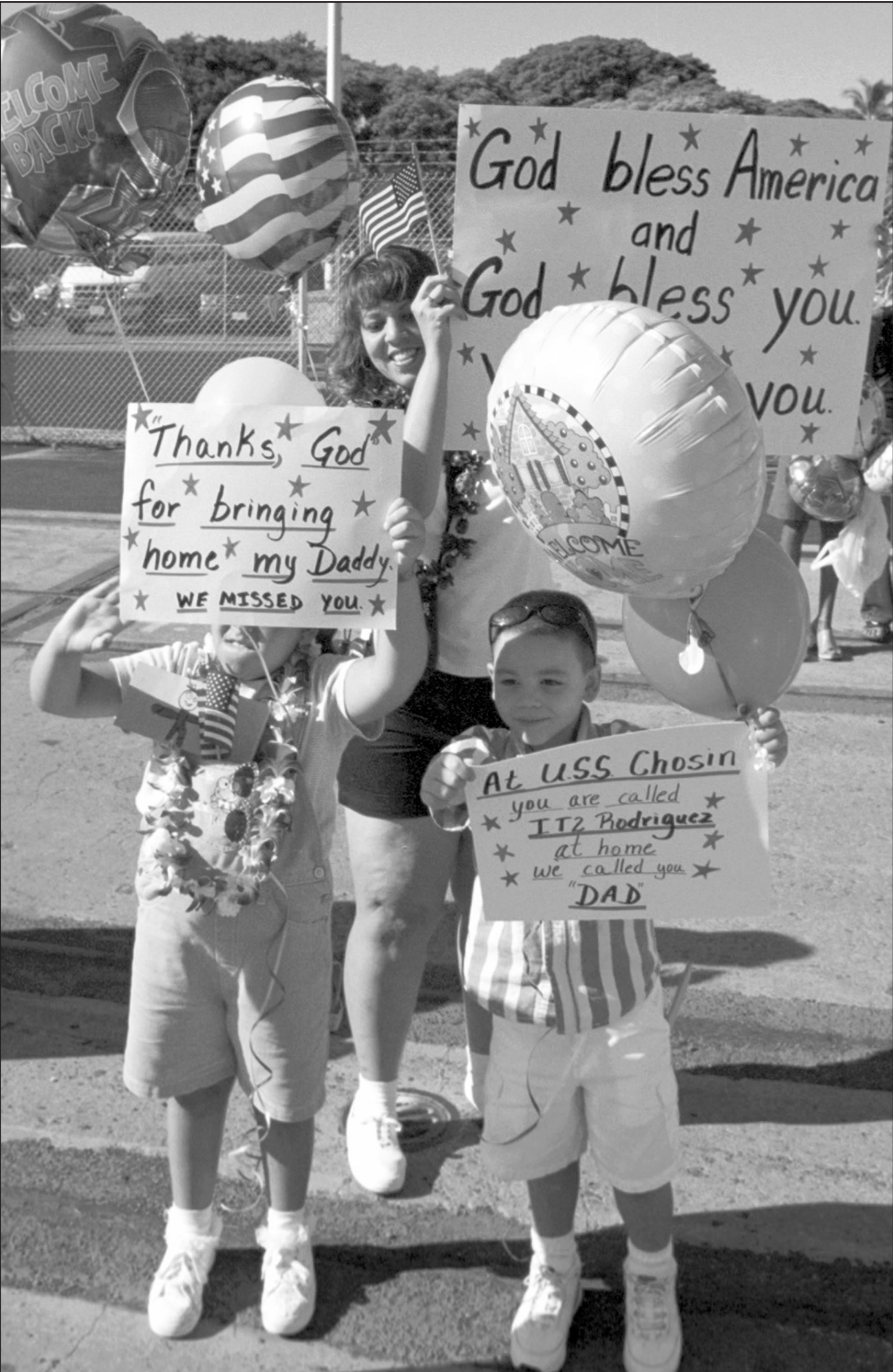




Sailors aboard USS Chosin (CG 65) man the rails as their ship pulls into Pearl Harbor Sept. 14 after a six-month Western Pacific deployment.



Family members anxiously await the return of USS Chosin. Chosin returned home to Pearl Harbor Sept. 14 after a six-month Western Pacific deployment.



## Chosin: Ship covers more than 44,000 miles during deployment

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trolling the air space around the battlegroup. Additionally, during the four months on station, the Constellation Battlegroup's MIO forces combined for a total of 390 queries, 146 boardings and 28 diverts. For the month of July alone, MIO forces prevented an estimated 25,000 metric tons of illegal oil from leaving the Gulf.

After departing the Arabian Gulf, Chosin participated in humanitarian and civic assistance projects in East Timor. Volunteer Sailors painted and refurbished a local high school and did masonry and carpentry work at a halfway house for tuberculosis patients. Chosin also hosted ship tours and a steel beach picnic on her flight deck for several local school children and for the corps of international volunteers working in East Timor.

Chosin traveled more than 44,000 miles and hosted over 6,000 visitors during general ship visits. The crew of the "Wardragon" visited nine ports during this deployment including Australia, Thailand, Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates and American Samoa.

USS Chosin, currently under the command of Capt. Peter R. Daspit, is the 19th Ticonderoga-class cruiser to join a fleet of 27 ships in this class. It hous-

es some of the latest in Navy technology including the Aegis weapons system. The ship's primary mission is to operate with aircraft carrier battle groups in extreme threat environments.

Some of its primary weapons include standard surface-to-air missiles, Harpoon anti-ship missiles, Tomahawk cruise missiles, antisubmarine rockets, torpedoes, Phalanx rapid-fire guns (for self defense against aircraft and missiles) and five-inch, rapid-fire deck guns. Electronic warfare countermeasures, decoys and passive detection systems supplement these weapons.

The ship is also equipped with the Light Airborne Multipurpose System (LAMPS) MK III combat suite, which includes launch, recovery, stowage and electronic support of the Seahawk (SH-60B) multi-warfare area helicopter.

USS Chosin was named in commemoration of the Chosin (Changjin) Reservoir Campaign of the Korean War and was launched and christened in 1989. It is 567 feet long with a 55-foot beam and holds four gas-turbine engines that power the 9,600-ton ship to speeds in excess of 30 knots.



Above: A sailor points out his wife and newborn baby to his shipmates as USS Chosin pulls in to Pearl Harbor.

Left: USS Chosin (CG 65) pulls into Pearl Harbor adorned with a traditional 'welcome home' lei Sept. 14.

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